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Start planning for the State Test **NOW NOW NOW**

To All County EMA directors and Amateur Radio Operators

Guidelines for the Indiana RACES Semi-Annual Test. Test to be conducted on January 17, 2009 (SAT) at 1400 UTC (9:00--10:00 local). These guidelines are the same as the July 2008 test. **For this Test we will NOT use 6 or 60 meters.**

WILL YOU BE READY??? This test format will be the way initial contacts made to the State EOC via Amateur Radio. These test procedures will allow the county EMA Director and his/her local amateurs to use whatever means they have to their discretion using the frequencies and modes listed below. County EMA Directors are encouraged to check in to as many frequencies as possible for the test. Results are posted on the State website. The State will have the EOC up and running monitoring the test frequencies listening for check-ins. When checking in please report the number of checkins from your local nets if any. **For Test purposes only**, please use the telephone as a last resort to check in. For those with packet stations there will be a check-in via packet on Operators are encouraged to use relays with other counties to insure checking in. Lets all do our part to have a great turnout for this test.

PROCEDURES

The State EOC (IDHS Ham Team) will be monitoring on the following Frequencies during the testing times:

1. 3920 kHz LSB up or down around QRM
2. 7298 kHz LSB up or down around QRM
3. **NO 6 Meters for this test**
4. 146.52 FM Simplex (relay thru other counties if needed)
5. 440 MHz will be thru the W9WIN Repeater system (Check W9WIN.ORG for local area frequencies.) Echo link connection nodes are N9UMJ-R or 338340 on the W9WIN System.
6. Echo link in South Central Indiana will also use the Columbus 146.490 repeater- using node 296563, or N9KVX-L.
7. 3.580 kHz PSK31, USB, Stream at 800Hz, copy message traffic and relay receipt of message on above frequencies or email to KB9RDS@arrl .net with PSK message.

8. ***LAST RESORT*** uses the Telephone.

Keep in mind that Amateur Radio Communications would be requested just to handle the overflow message traffic or damage assessment including digital modes, helping to prevent any communication shortfalls. Once IDHS EOC has been notified of a communication request. The IDHS Ham Team would follow the same procedures used in this Indiana State Wide Test.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Sincerely
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